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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OCB
Assistant Director, CO
Assistant Director, CIB
Assistant Director, CIO
Assistant Director, CMI
Assistant Director, CFC

SUBJECT: Agenda for Meeting on Peripheral Reporting

I. With the progressive weakening of reporting facilities in countries within the Soviet orbit the Department of State has embarked on a system of establishing at certain key foreign service posts, adjacent to the Soviet perimeter, reporting units which will concentrate on acquiring information on conditions within the USSR and the satellites. The DCI wrote to the Secretary of State on 23 August 1950, expressing his endorsement of the program as a sound step to strengthen the government intelligence picture, and pledged the co-operation of CIA in supporting the program.

II. In his letter to the Department of State the DCI stated that CIA was preparing a comprehensive statement of requirements in the field of peripheral reporting for transmittal to the Department of State. This task is being coordinated within CIA by the AD/CO.

III. On 19 September 1950 the Acting Secretary of State expressed appreciation to the DCI for his views on peripheral reporting and included in his reply the following points:

A. The Statement of CIA requirements in the field of peripheral reporting is being awaited by the Department of State.

B. The Department of State will welcome the submission by CIA of information re personnel with "direct personal knowledge of the language, culture and history" of particular areas throughout the world, "for the peripheral reporting positions or any reporting positions requiring similar qualifications . . ."

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